

**REMARKS**

The specification and claims 1 and 6-8 are amended herein to clarify that the solubility referred to means the solubility of the dye or ink in the solvent. Support is found, for example, on page 107, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, of the specification. No new matter is presented.

**I. Response to Claim Objection**

Claim 1 is objected to as allegedly containing informalities.

The Examiner states that the language "at least one water-miscible organic solvent has a solubility of less than 10 (g/100g) in the dye at 25°C" is unclear. The Examiner states that for purposes of examination, it is assumed that Applicants meant to specify the ink solubility.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's interpretation of the claim language is correct in that the identified phrase refers to the solubility of the dye in the solvent. In view thereof, the specification and claim 1 are amended herein for clarity.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to the claims.

**II. Response to the Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103**

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Taguchi et al. (US 20040050291) in view of Provost et al. (US 6336721).

Applicants submit that the present invention and the invention of U.S. 2004/0050291 were commonly owned at the time of the present invention. Therefore, U.S. 2004/0050291

cannot be cited as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) in an obviousness rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 103(c).

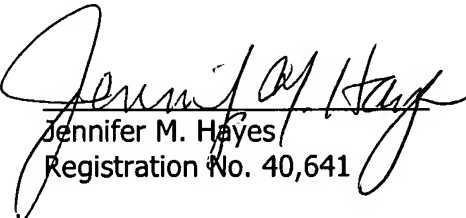
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the § 103 rejection.

### **III. Conclusion**

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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